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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4, 9-18 and 121-125 are all the claims currently pending in the application. Based on the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all the claims.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 4, 9-18 & 121-125 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 4, 9-18 and 121-125 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Hertzog et al. (U.S. Patent Appln. Publn. No. 2003/0069874; hereinafter "Hertzog") in view of Rensin et al. (U.S. Patent Appln. Publn. No. 2002/0152332; hereinafter "Rensin").

A. Independent Claim 1

In contrast to claim 1, Applicant submits that Hertzog and Rensin, taken individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest and are altogether silent regarding an apparatus comprising, inter alia, processors configured for: (A) mapping a plurality of fields of contact data from personal information manager (PIM) software to a plurality of corresponding fields of a web page of a web application to produce mapping data; and (B) causing display of the web page of the web application, wherein the display includes a prompt requesting input of data into the plurality of corresponding fields of the web page of the web application.

In rejecting claim 1, the Examiner relies on paragraphs [0111] and [0112] of Hertzog, alone or in combination with Rensin, for the proposition that a global search option of a power find panel discloses causing display of a prompt requesting input of data into the plurality of corresponding fields of the web page of the web application. (See pgs. 2-3 & 4-5 of the Final Office Action) Applicant respectfully disagrees and submits that the Examiner is giving the combination of Hertzog and Rensin credit for more than it actually discloses.

In contrast to claim 1, the cited portion and indeed all of Hertzog, alone or in combination with Rensin, at most discloses that the power find panel 134 may conduct a search of contact information contained within the local database 30. (paragraph [0110] of Hertzog) Paragraph [0112] of Hertzog at most discloses that the power find panel 134 also provides a global search

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option that allows the user to utilize multiple search fields in order to search contact information of the local database 30.

Nowhere in Hertzog, alone or in combination, is there any teaching or suggestion regarding the search fields of the global search option relating to a plurality of corresponding fields of a web page that are mapped to a plurality of corresponding fields of contact data from personal information manager (PIM) software, as recited by claim 1. Rather, the cited portion and indeed all of Hertzog, alone or in combination with Rensin, at most discloses using the global search option to search contact information of the local database 30.

Hertzog, alone or in combination, does not teach or suggest that the search fields of the global search option are mapped to corresponding fields of contact information from PIM 22, as would be required by the recitations of claim 1. Instead, Hertzog at most discloses that the search fields are used to search contact information that is stored in the local database 30. There is no teaching or suggestion relating to the contact information stored in the local database 30 consisting of contact information that is mapped to fields of contact information of PIM 22. As such, Hertzog does not teach or suggest that the search fields of the power find panel that are used to search contact information stored in the local database 30 are mapped to corresponding fields of the PIM 22, as would be required by the recitations of claim 1.

Based on at least on the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the combination of Hertzog and Rensin is deficient and does not teach or suggest all of the features of claim 1. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the § 103(a) rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims 4 and 9-18.

B. Independent Claim 121

Independent claim 121 recites a computer program product comprising at least one computer-readable storage medium having computer-readable program code portions stored therein. The computer-readable program code portions comprising, inter alia, an executable portion configured to map a plurality of fields of contact data from personal information manager (PIM) software to a plurality of corresponding fields of a web page of a web application to produce mapping data. The computer-readable program code portions also comprise an executable portion configured to cause display of the web page of the web

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application, wherein the display includes display of a prompt requesting input of data into the plurality of corresponding fields of the web page of the web application.

Since independent claim 121 contains features that are in some respects analogous to the features recited in independent claim 1, Applicant submits that independent claim 121 and its dependent claims 122-125 are patentable at least for reasons analogous to those submitted for claim 1.

C. Dependent Claims 124 & 125

In contrast to claims 124 and 125, the combination of Hertzog and Rensin does not teach or suggest and is altogether silent regarding, wherein mapping the plurality of fields of contact data is performed by the one or more processors in response to receipt of a prompt provided to a display, as recited by claims 124 and 125.

In rejecting claims 124 and 125, the Examiner relies on paragraph [0087] of Hertzog, alone or in combination with Rensin. Applicant respectfully disagrees. In contrast to claims 124 and 125, the cited portion and indeed all of Hertzog, alone or in combination with Rensin, at most discloses that each of the synchronization traders 52, 54, and 56 is responsible for performing a mapping operation between fields of a local database 30 and a database of a PIM 22. (Paragraph [0059] of Hertzog)

Nowhere in Hertzog, alone or in combination, is there any teaching or suggestion regarding mapping the plurality of fields of contact data from PIM software to a plurality of corresponding fields of a web page *in response to receipt* of *a prompt* provided *to a display*, as recited by claims 124 and 125. Any mapping operation of Hertzog, alone or in combination with Rensin, does not occur in response to receipt of a prompt provided to a display, as recited by claims 124 and 125.

For at least these additional reasons, Applicant submits that claims 124 and 125 recite independently patentable subject matter and the combination of Hertzog and Rensin does not teach or suggest all of the features of claims 124 and 125. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the § 103(a) rejection of dependent claims 124 and 125.

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II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued in due course. Examiner Zhen is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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